

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7 to 10, 13, 14 and 17 to 20 have been amended. Claim 16 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1 to 15 and 17 to 20 remain pending in the subject application. Claim 1 is independent.

In the Official Action, the Examiner has raised an objection to claim 7 noting a clerical error. Claim 7 has been amended to correct the clerical error. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this objection be removed.

With respect to prior art, the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 7 to 12, 15 and 17 to 20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,920,080 to Jones ("Jones"). The Examiner has rejected claims 3 to 6 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0086746 to Lin et al. ("Lin"). The Examiner has rejected claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones. Applicants thank the Examiner for identifying allowable subject matter in claim 16.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 16. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 and the claims dependent thereon distinguish patentably over the prior art and should be allowed.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all remaining claims (Claims 1-15 and 17-20) are now in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is therefore earnestly solicited.

☒ Remaining Claims, as delineated below:

(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT LESS HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		(3) NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CLAIMS	19	- 20 =	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1	- 3 =	0

☒ This is an authorization under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for extension of time, as incorporating a petition for the appropriate extension of time.


☒ Payment for the required 3-month extension of time fees are being charged to a Credit Card via the EFS Web.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any filing or prosecution fees which may be required, under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 (but not 1.18), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-0308.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Mark S. Svat, at Telephone Number (216) 363-9000.

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